

22 December 2019, 4th Advent Year A

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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Aria Park

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In our Prayers: Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman,
Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan,

For our Deceased: Margaret Quade, Joan Howe, Victims of the Bushfires
and other natural disasters, Deceased family and community members



December 25	Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Mass, Christmas Eve
Mass	Temora 6.00 p.m. Christmas Eve, 9.00 a.m. (Day)
Mass	Ardlethan 8.00 a.m.



Reflection

A Man of Honour. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's Word to him. He is an example for us all.

Advent Wreath

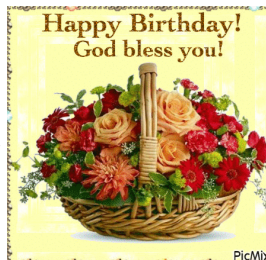
The last candle is the **Angels' Candle** and it serves to remind us that the Angels were the heralds of Jesus' birth.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Jesus, the angel Gabriel announced your coming to Mary, your Mother, and at your birth the angels sang of peace and good will. Help us to be people of peace as we look forward to celebrating your birthday. Amen.

Happy Birthday Suzanne

It is with joy that we remember Suzanne who celebrates a significant birthday on Tuesday. Suzanne, as you look back over your life may you give thanks for the blessings that have been yours, as you journey into the years ahead may you do so with trust and confidence in the love of our God who is your constant companion. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. May God bless you today and always.



Message on Card from Ann

"Dear All at OLHC, Thank you for your cards, birthday and Christmas. May 2020 be a blessed, happy and peace filled year for you all."

Church Cleaning

After our Liturgy today we will take the opportunity to clean the church. We will change the drapes to Christmas drapes. Thank you in anticipation to those who will be able to assist.

5th Sunday Liturgy

There will be **no liturgy** here on 29 December or at Aria Park on 28 December.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Almighty and Eternal Father, bestow the blessing of rain upon our parched land. Let your heavenly dew come down upon our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage and strength to our farmers, their families and all our people. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

A Reflection:

Every now and then we hear Joseph of Nazareth being referred to as "The Silent Man" mainly because very few facts are known about him and in the Gospels there is no record of him actually saying anything.

And yet when I think about it the aspects of Joseph that we do see show us a man whose faith in Mary of Nazareth, whose hope and trust in the Angel of his dreams, whose attention to being a carpenter, and whose love for Mary and their child was prepared to take any risk, to give security and a home of shelter and love, then I see a man whose actions are more powerful than words.

To borrow from an old song of John Denver:

"What one man can do is listen,

What one man can do is love.

What one man can do is take the world and turn it round again.

Here we see what one man can do."

And I reckon that's just what Joseph did!

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas. May this Christmas be a time of joy and happiness for you and your loved ones.

Fr Sjo

Roster: 5 January	Acolyte: John	Reader: Bernard
Minister: Ian	Gifts: Robyn, Andrina	Welcomer: Brenda
Roster: 25 December	Acolyte: Bruce	Reader: Linda
Minister: Paul	Gifts: Mills Family	Welcomer: Robyn